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SUBJECT: US/EC WINE CONVERSATION

REF: STATE 241757

MISSION OFFICERS PRESENTED MATERIAL CONTAINED IN REFTEL TO OFFICIALS OF DG-8 AND DG-VI OCTOBER 5. COMMISSION OFFICIALS EXPRESSED GENERAL APPRECIATION FOR PROMPT AND THOROUGH US RESPONSES AND INDICATED THEIR IMPRESSIO THAT OUR REPEATED EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION ON US AND EC PROPOSALS AND REGULATIONS ARE CONTINUING TO NARROW THE GAP BETWEEN US IN THIS FIELD. THE FOLLOWING COMMENTS AND ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS ARE OF PARTICULAR INTEREST:

### A. OIV GUIDELINES

TEXT EXISTS AT PRESENT ONLY IN FRENCH; COMMISSION HAS ALREADY ASKED FOR AN OFFICIAL ENGLISH TRANSLATION FOR INTERNAL COMMUNITY USE. FRENCH TEXT WILL BE POUCHED AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

### B. CARBON DIOXIDE CONTENT

COMMISSION OFFICIALS ASKED WHY US PROPOSED-REGULATIONS WOULD SEEK INFORMATION ON TOTAL  
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CARBON DIOXIDE CONTENT. THIS DECREASES OVER

TIME TO LESS THAN ONE ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE  
IN STILL WINES AND VARIES WIDELY IN CONTENT  
AMONG VARIOUS SPARKLING AND SEMI-SPARKLING WINES.

C. WHAT IS THE QUANTITATIVE EQUIVALENT OF THE  
FIVE CASES MENTIONED IN THE PROPOSED REGULATIONS?  
DOES THE AMOUNT VARY FOR OTHER THAN CASES OF .75  
LITER BOTTLES?

D. U.S. CERTIFICATE

HAS US PREPARED AN ACTUAL SAMPLE CERTIFICATE?  
WOULD US ACCEPT EC, AS WELL AS MEMBER STATE  
CERTIFICATION? WOULD US RECOGNIZE THE EC'S OWN  
CERTIFICATE IN LIEU OF A SEPARATE FORM?

E. INSPECTION

COMMISSION OFFICIALS WOULD APPRECIATE FURTHER  
DETAILS ON THE EXEMPTION OF FOREIGN PRODUCERS  
BASED ON-SITE INSPECTION. SPECIFICALLY, BECAUSE  
OFFICIALS TOLD US EUROPEAN WINERIES NUMBER MORE  
THAN 60,000 AND LIKELIHOOD THAT INSPECTION OF ALL  
INTERESTED WINERIES THEREFORE COULD TAKE LONG  
PERIOD OF TIME, WOULD EXEMPTION BE GIVEN ONLY AFTER  
INSPECTION IS COMPLETED OR WOULD A CDECLARATION OF  
WILLINGNESS TO BE INSPECTED BE SUFFICIENT TO  
ALLOW EXCEPTION? COMMISSION OFFICIALS WOULD ALSO  
APPRECIATE INFORMATION ON PROPOSED NATURE AND EXTENT  
OF INSPECTION AS WELL AS LIST OF OTHER AGRICULTURAL  
PRODUCTS FOR WHICH INSPECTION OF FOREIGN FACILITIES  
IS NOW BEING CARRIED OUT BY US OFFICIALS E.G., MEAT  
PACKING PLANTS, SEEDS, BULBS.

F. COMMISSION UNDERSTANDS THAT FORTIFIED WINES ARE  
INCLUDED. THEIR OWN REGULATIONS WILL ALSO INCLUDE  
FORTIFIED WINES BEGINNING DECEMBER 1.HINTON

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